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P. 305. Two sentences here require *dixit ut*, and one, *dixit ne*. These combinations can be found, if one looks far enough, but it seems unnecessary, and perhaps a bit dangerous to suggest them to a student of Latin in his second year.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY,
Andover, Mass.

B. M. ALLEN.

A MODERN EPISTOLARY PAST

Ways of thought and of expression, however peculiar, are not confined to one place or to a single period of time, as we are constantly seeing; but the following parallel to a certain Roman tense usage seems to me rather rare in this twentieth century, and so to be worth recording.

A boy of five, one rainy day when he could not play out-of-doors, was seized with a desire to write to his favorite uncle, and so informed his mother. She consented thereto, and asked him what he wished to say in his letter. He didn't know. She said, "What have you been doing to-day?" He said, "I had some popcorn". She said, "Then tell him that. And how will you say it?" The boy began, "I had some popcorn *yesterday*". But his mother interrupted, "Not yesterday, but to-day. What made you say *yesterday*?" And the answer was, "*It will be yesterday when uncle reads it!*"

Explanations followed, and the toilsomely printed letter arrived with the statement, "I had some popcorn to-day". But the incident, though concerned merely with the adverb, illuminates the Epistolary Past of the Romans, and is respectfully recommended to those teachers who, under the New Requirements in Latin, read some of Cicero's delightful Letters as a partial substitute for, or supplement to, the hereditary list of Orations.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ROLAND G. KENT.

LATIN CLUB AT SUMMER SESSION, 1915

As an outgrowth of lively interest in Latin at the past Summer Session of Columbia University a Club was formed by the women students resident there in Furnald Hall, to consider ways and means of arousing interest among pupils of Latin in the Secondary Schools. At the weekly meetings there were discussions of Latin Clubs in High Schools, Latin Periodicals published by Students, and Latin Plays and Songs. The Appleton Latin games and original Latin versions of popular English games were played by the members of the Club, and the real fun and value of such means were clearly proven. The Club also visited the unusual collection of models and antiques at Hunter College.

The last meeting of the Club took the form of a reception to the entire body of Latin Students at the Summer Session. The programme included an address in Latin by Professor Knapp, an address by Professor McCrea, a Latin hymn sung by an accomplished contralto, the musical rendering of the opening lines of

Vergil's Aeneid by a chorus, and attractive Greek dances by members of a class in Physical Education.

BRITA L. HORNER, *President*.

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Classical Association of Northern California held its annual meeting at the University of California, Berkeley, on July 8. The event was one of the most important on the programme of the High School Teachers' Association of California. Dr. H. C. Nutting, of the University of California, presided. There were present one hundred and ten enthusiastic and discriminating men and women, keenly alive to the fact that a man is a man before he is a mechanic, a farmer, or whatever you will in trade or profession. Mr. Noel Garrison set forth this gospel in clear and convincing speech in his paper on The Cultural and Vocational in the High School Programme. Mr. F. W. Thomas suggested the postponement of the reading of Caesar until the fourth half-year. This was supported warmly by Dr. Deutsch, of the University of California. Miss Anna S. Cox, of San José, charmed her audience with a paper on April Among the Greek Mountains.

Mr. Cleghorn, of San Francisco, appealed to the teachers to realize their responsibility in the work of awakening the community in which they live to an appreciation of the Golden Bough of knowledge, and to an endeavor to open by this magic wand eyes blinded by a too near vision of the big dollar.

Dr. Nutting suggested the affiliation of the three Classical Associations of the Pacific States—The Classical Association of Northern California, The Classical Association of the Pacific Northwest, and The Classical Association of Southern California. The members present approved the suggestion, and a Committee was elected, with Dr. Nutting as Chairman, to take the steps necessary to promote discussion with the different organizations relative to this movement.

The following are the officers for 1915-1916: President, J. H. Humphries, Palo Alto; Vice-President, Miss Anna Cox, San José; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Mary Byrd Clayes, Berkeley; executive committee: F. W. Thomas, Sacramento, and Noel Garrison, Stockton.

MARY BYRD CLAYES,
Secretary-Treasurer.

THE LATIN LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN COLLEGES

The third annual contest of the Latin League of Wisconsin Colleges was held April 30, 1915, at the University of Wisconsin¹. The examination questions were set by the Latin Department of the University of Michigan. There were twenty candidates. The awards were made as follows: Henry Achley (Carroll), The Louis G. Kirchner Prize of \$250 and The Gold Medal; John G. Frayne (Ripon), The Silver Medal;

¹See THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY 7. 14; 8. 46-47.

Dotha Bamford (Beloit), The Bronze Medal; Lorna Dietz (Downer), First Honorable Mention; Mildred Silver (Lawrence), Second Honorable Mention; Ripon College Team, The Trophy Cup.

LAWRENCE COLLEGE,
Appleton, Wis.

E. D. WRIGHT, *Secretary*.

THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF LIBERAL STUDIES

The fifth meeting of The Philadelphia Society for the Promotion of Liberal Studies was held on Friday evening, October 29, at the Orpheus Club Rooms. The subject of discussion was The Value of a Liberal Education to the Business Man.

Mr. William J. Serrill, of the United Gas Improvement Company, made a strong plea for cultural training for the engineer; he declared, however, that what he said with respect to the engineer could be said as well of any business man. Weakness in English and lack of culture he had found to be the two glaring defects in the equipment of the graduates of engineering courses, due probably to the great number of foreign-born in the profession and the lack of a cultural background. The testimony of many prominent engineers, he added, might be adduced to show that cultural studies, among them the Classics, play a vital part in the equipment of the successful engineer.

Mr. J. Marshall Scull, of the John Winston Company, discussed the value of a liberal education from the publisher's viewpoint, and declared that man needs the liberal arts, to gain his living, to win his pleasure, and to develop his soul and character. Mr. T. B. Stork, in personal reminiscences of the Horace Club, a little group of professional and business men organized nearly half a century ago to read the poems of Horace, brought out delightfully the 'use' of the Odes, when things utilitarian have found their mortal end.

JESSE E. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

The First Annual Convention of The Classical Association of New York State will be held in Rochester, November 23-24.

On Tuesday morning, from 9-12.15, the session will be held in Catharine Strong Hall, University of Rochester, with the following programme: *Salutatio* (Latine) Charles Hoeing: *Responsiones* (Latine), by Messrs. Chickering, Lodge and John I. Bennett; *Demonstration Class* in the Direct Method, Miss T. E. Wye, followed by a discussion of the method, by Messrs. A. T. Otis, and D. W. Terry; reports of president and appointment of Committees; paper, *The Value of One Year of Greek*, Miss A. P. MacVay; paper, *Progress of the Agora*, Miss C. A. Whipple.

On Tuesday afternoon, at 2, in the Assembly Hall, East High School, there will be an exhibition of motion pictures, giving scenes from the life of Julius Caesar, with lecture by Mr. E. M. Wright, followed at 4 o'clock by a joint session, in the Central Church Auditorium, of the Classical, English and Commercial Sections of the New York State Teachers' Association. At this Mr. A. S. Perkins, of the Dorchester High School, Boston, will read a paper on *Latin in its Relation to English as a Vocational Subject in Commercial Education*. The paper will be discussed by Mr. R. E. Davey, Miss A. Dunster, and Mr. C. J. Terrill.

At 8.15 Tuesday evening, and again at 2.15 on Wednesday afternoon the *Alcestis* of Euripides, in an English version, will be presented by members of the Roman State in the East High School, Rochester.

On Wednesday morning there will be inspection, under student guides, of the classical equipment of the East High School. At a session in Catharine Strong Hall, University of Rochester, there will be a *Demonstration Class*, *The First Day in the Latin Class*, by Dr. M. D. Gray, followed by discussion of the demonstration; a *Demonstration Class*, *The Dramatic Element in Caesar*, Professor P. O. Place; an illustrated paper, *The Roman Theater*, Professor Charles Knapp; and an address to classical teachers, by Mr. Taft, on *The Position of the Classics in American Life*.

CLASSICAL CONFERENCE AT PHILADELPHIA, NOVEMBER 27

A Round Table Conference on Ancient Languages, in connection with the annual meeting of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools for the Middle States and Maryland, will be held at the Drexel Institute, Chestnut and 33d Streets, Philadelphia, on Saturday, November 27, at 10 o'clock. All friends of the Classics are cordially invited to attend, and to take active part in the Conference.

Professor Charles Knapp, of Barnard College, will speak on *The Campaign*, Professor N. P. Vlachos, of Temple University, Philadelphia, on *Latin and Greek at the Dutch Gymnasium*, and Professor D. M. Robinson, of The Johns Hopkins University, on *Ready Applications of Archaeology to School Teaching*.

The subject for general consideration will be *Correlation*. Miss Jessie E. Allen, of the Girls High School, Philadelphia, will lead the discussion. It is hoped that many will be present, prepared to take part in the general discussion of this topic, by reporting their opinions, their observations and their practice in regard to the correlation of classical instruction with the study of English words, oral and written English composition, literary exegesis and criticism, modern foreign language instruction, history and other studies.

UNION COLLEGE,
Schenectady, N. Y.

JOHN IRA BENNETT, *Chairman*.

THE NEW YORK LATIN CLUB, SPECIAL MEETING, DECEMBER 4

A special meeting of The New York Latin Club is to be held on Saturday, December 4. The available information is that the meeting will be held in the Washington Irving High School, at 10 o'clock. Dr. Mason D. Gray, of the East High School, Rochester, is to speak on *Problems of First Year Latin*.

AN ADVERTISER'S USE OF A HERODOTEAN STORY

All readers of THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY will recall the story told by Herodotus 5.35 concerning the message sent by Histiaeus to Miletus:

"He shaved the head of the most faithful of his slaves and tattooed it. As soon as the hair was grown again, he sent the slave to Miletus, with these orders only, to bid Aristagoras to shave his head. The tattooed marks directed the revolt".

According to Tit-Bits a travelling salesman has used this story to advertise a hair-restorer! A messenger in the Transvaal, after a message had been tattooed on his shaven poll, applied the hair-restorer successfully. Though he was stopped three times and searched, as he carried the message, nothing was found. At the end of his journey he exhibited his head once more shaven, to the general!

MUHLBERG COLLEGE,
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